



MEMO **To:** Rudy H. Perez, ADOT Project Manager
 Charlene FitzGerald, Deputy ADOT Project Manager
 ADOT Multimodal Planning Division

Date: 17 September 2008 Meeting Date

From: Dale E. Miller, WSA Project Manager

Subject: **Technical Advisory Committee – Meeting #3**
 Mariposa / I-19 Connector Route Study
 ADOT Contract No. T0849AQ001; Purchase Order No. KG3363
 Notice to Proceed Date: 27 February 2008

1:00 pm: The third Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held in the conference room at the office of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas, 590 E Frontage Rd, Rio Rico, AZ 85648.

The following individuals were in attendance:

- Rudy H. Perez, ADOT - ADOT Project Manager
- Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT – ADOT Deputy Project Manager
- Terry Shannon, Greater Nogales & Santa Cruz County Port Authority; Chair
- Anthony Kleppe, US GSA Portfolio Management Division
- Jermaine Hannon, FHWA; Arizona Division
- Jesus Valdez, Santa Cruz County; Public Works
- Eduardo Delgado, City of Nogales; Engineering
- Sharon Mitchell, SEAGO; Transportation Planner
- Sylvia Grijalva, FHWA; US-Mexico Border Planning Coordinator
- Katherine “Sunny” Bush, URS; Public Involvement Specialist
- Tom Cooney, Wilbur Smith; Transportation Planner
- Dale Miller, Wilbur Smith; Project Manager
- Kate Hedden, Wilbur Smith; Design Engineer

The following paragraphs summarize the various areas of discussion and information exchanged.



1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Rudy Perez welcomed the attendees to the meeting and called for introductions
- b. Each attendee introduced themselves by name, agency and role

2. Overview of Working Paper #2

- a. Dale Miller and Tom Cooney reviewed the project status and gave an overview of Working Paper #2 to the committee
- b. A power point presentation was used for the overview and discussion –a copy is attached to these minutes
- c. The review included the following:
 - i. Background Information
 - ii. Project Purpose
 - iii. Project Need
 - iv. Findings of Working Paper #1
 - v. Alternatives Analyzed
 - vi. Alternative 1
 - vii. Alternative 2
 - viii. Alternative 3
 - ix. Comparison Charts
 - x. Findings of Working Paper #2
 - xi. TAC Discussion, Input & Direction
 - xii. Project Phases
 - xiii. Project Schedule
 - xiv. Next Phase: Working Paper #3
- d. Traffic projections were again a topic of brief discussion. It was noted by Anthony Kleppe that the projections do not match the Border Wizard numbers. It was explained that the projections for this study were based on the capacity of the Port of Entry rather than the projected traffic numbers.

3. Provide Direction on Task 4/Working Paper #3, Preferred Corridor Alternative

- a. The TAC concluded the following with regard to Working Paper #3:
 - i. After discussion, it was decided and agreed that we shouldn't choose one alternative due to the fact this is a planning study, and that the DCR and NEPA process requires at least three alternatives to be available.
 - ii. Alternative one was chosen as the preferred corridor (improve the existing route), although several options should be reviewed and cost listed.
 - iii. The other alternatives of a new connector route were discounted due to the fact that many of the improvements identified for alternative one would need to be done for alternatives two or three for those to effectively handle the projected future traffic.



- iv. Due to funding and the need for local traffic issues to be addressed along with the truck traffic, alternative one and the variations of a TI and improvements like the GSI and the Parkway would meet the immediate needs with the other alternatives remaining available as future options when and if needed.
- v. Present all alternatives during the public meeting to be held on October 8 along with the pros and cons of each and consider public comments and input.
- vi. For the new options menu, this route will be separated into three areas: the traffic interchange, the Frank Reed Road intersection area, and the remaining southern portion of SR189/Mariposa Rd.
- vii. There are two options for the southern portion of SR189/Mariposa Rd: (1) parkway and (2) jug handle intersections; two options for the Frank Reed Rd intersection area: (1) parkway and (2) GSI; and three options for the interchange area: (1) diverging diamond interchange, (2) flyover interchange, and (3) a combination of both of a diverging diamond interchange with a flyover ramp for eastbound to northbound traffic.
- viii. WP#3 should suggest phased improvements where one improvement could be done in anticipation of the new port when funding is identified, and further improvements could be made as additional funding becomes available and conditions and traffic warrant the improvements.
- b. Wilbur Smith Associates stressed the need for access management on SR189/Mariposa Rd for any of the alternatives to be effective in handling the future projected traffic volumes.

4. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, November 19, was selected as the preferred date for the next TAC meeting.
- b. The next Public Open House Meeting was determined to be held on Wednesday October 8th.

5. Closing: Meeting adjourned approximately 5:00 pm

Attachments:

- Handout of PowerPoint presentation used during the TAC meeting

*** End of TAC Meeting Minutes ***